

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the attached Request for Continued Examination and the following remarks.

Claims 1-13 are as presented in Amendment B that was not entered by the office. Claim 14 includes the limitations that the angular pitch of the first set of teeth of the second cheek plate of the first hinge is identical to the angular pitch of the first set of teeth of the second cheek plate of the second hinge and the locking members are spaced circumferentially from each other by a distance equal to an integer number of teeth of the first set of teeth. These limitations are found in the specification and the drawings. It is clear from the drawings that the angular pitch of the two cheek plates is the same and also that the locking members are spaced from each other by a distance equal to an integer number of teeth. For the device of the present invention to operate properly these relations are inherently present.

Turning to the final rejection, all the arguments made in the prior response are incorporated herein and restated.

In addition, the prior cited documents do not show a seat member that has first and second cheek plates that cooperate in the manner as set out in the claims now presented. A skilled person would recognize that the combination of the structures of the Ganot and Pipon patents would not result in an operative structure. The resulting structure based on the teaching of these two patents would necessarily bind and lock at unexpected times. The structure as claimed in this application would not have this problem and the solution to the problems that the skilled person would have faced would not have been obvious.

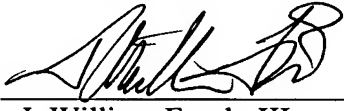
Consideration and allowance of the foregoing claims are respectfully requested.

Deposit Account Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, except issue fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1903. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

McCracken & Frank LLP
200 W. Adams, Suite 2150
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312) 263-4700
Customer No: 29471

By: 
J. William Frank, III
Reg. No: 25,626

August 22, 2005